

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CARDIAC VALVE PROCEDURE METHODS AND DEVICES (Attorney's Docket No. VIA-41), the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/425,877, filed 11/13/02 by William E. Cohn for CARDIAC VALVE

PROCEDURE METHODS AND DEVICES (Attorney's Docket No. VIA-41 PROV).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of:

5 (1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/700,167, filed 11/09/00 by Gregory H. Lambrecht et al. for CARDIAC VALVE PROCEDURE METHODS AND DEVICES (Attorney's Docket No. VIA-3);

10 (2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/896,258, filed 06/29/01 by Richard B. Streeter et al. for INTRAVASCULAR FILTER WITH DEBRIS ENTRAPMENT MECHANISM (Attorney's Docket No. VIA-8);

15 (3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/022,951, filed 12/14/01 by Richard B. Streeter for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REPLACING AORTIC VALVE (Attorney's Docket No. VIA-15);

20 (4) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/896,259, filed 06/29/01 by John R. Liddicoat et al. for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A PROCEDURE ON A CARDIAC VALVE (Attorney's Docket No. VIA-7); and

(5) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/014,699, filed 10/26/01 by Richard B. Streeter et al. for

INTRACARDIOVASCULAR ACCESS (ICVATM) SYSTEM (Attorney's  
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